



Alliance for Nursing Informatics

Governing Directors Meeting
Friday November 13, 2009
6:30pm – 9:00pm pacific
Hilton San Francisco and Towers
333 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-2116
Room: Yosemite A

Minutes

Attendees

AMIA –Karen Greenwood *staff liaison*, Charlotte Weaver, Bonnie Westra *co-chair*
ANA – Carol Bickford
ANIA – Victoria Bradley, Curtis Dikes *Steering Committee member*
AORN – Carol Petersen *Steering Committee Member*
CARING – Susan Newbold
CIN – Terry Materese
CNC – Sue Moorhead
DVNCN – Rosemary Kennedy
HITSP Representative – Greg Alexander
HIMSS – Christel Anderson *staff liaison*, Joyce Sensmeier *co-chair*
MINING – Marcie Harris
MNRS – Julia Behrenbeck
NENIC – Mark Sugrue
SNOMED – Judith Warren
UNIN – Nancy Brusselton

Guests:

Meryl Bloomrosen, Vice President of Policy, AMIA
Jacqueline Moss (formerly ASCI)

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Joyce Sensmeier and Bonnie Westra called the meeting to order at 7:25pm PST.

II. Approval of August 9, 2009 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

III. CIN: Computers Informatics Nursing Update

Terry Materese provided Governing Directors with updates on the CIN website; including the new addition of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Institute of Medicine

Forums on the *Future of Nursing*. The ANI Testimony that was submitted to RWJ will also be made available on the website and published in an upcoming issue of CIN. Anne B. Woods, PhD, MPH, APRN, CNO Wolters Kluwer Lippincott will be authoring a synopsis of the forum events, which will also be published on the website. Terry also extended a complimentary subscription opportunity to all current Governing Directors.

ACTION: Karen and Christel will coordinate to make the current list of Governing Directors available to Terry.

ACTION: Governing Directors are encouraged to share and post the new CIN website with their organizations: <https://journals.lww.com/cinjournal/pages/default.aspx>

IV. HITSP Update

Greg Alexander provided Governing Directors with an update on current Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) activities. The purpose of HITSP is to harmonize and integrate diverse standards that will meet clinical and business needs for sharing information among organizations and systems with the establishment and acceptance of HITSP Interoperability Specifications (IS). Greg also shared with the group on several upcoming opportunities for involvement. The following topic areas or “wav’s” are as follows:

- Quality Measures
- Common Data Transport
- Newborn Screening
- Consumer Preferences
- Clinical Research
- General Lab Orders
- Medication Gaps
- Prior-Authorization

ACTION: A public comment period for several documents begins on November 9th, 2009 and will end December 4th, 2009; more information www.hitsp.org. Governing Directors are encouraged to provide comment and disseminate this information with their membership organizations. Specific documents that may be applicable to this audience are:

- *Interoperability Specification 06 - Quality*
- *Interoperability Specification 92 - Newborn Screening*
- *Capabilities 117 - Communicate Ambulatory and Long Term Care Prescription*
- *Capabilities 118 - Communicate Hospital Prescription*
- *Capabilities 126 - Communicate Lab Results Message*
- *Construct 34 - Patient Level Quality Data Message*
- *Construct 152 - Labor and Delivery Report*
- *Construct 161 - Antepartum Record*

V. New Membership Application – Omaha

DECISION: The Omaha application for full membership to ANI was approved by all Governing Directors present, no abstaining and no negative votes.

ACTION: Christel Anderson will reach out to the Omaha System contact, Karen Martin, and notify of the decision of the Governing Directors.

VI. ANI Demographics Survey

Joyce discussed the ANI demographic survey project. The goal of the survey is to understand the ANI constituents and obtain quantifiable data on membership demographics. The survey will also gather information on the types of roles (job titles/functions) that individuals hold as well as their work setting (i.e. provider, vendor, academic etc.) The Governing Directors requested that a field be created that asks individuals to identify potential education activities that ANI could engage in. ANI Governing Directors identified that each of their groups vary in size and in demographics.

Process: The Governing Directors agreed that each Governing Director would be responsible for obtaining demographics on their membership constituency. The Governing Director may disseminate the survey to their members or complete the survey on behalf of their membership body. Each Governing Director would then be responsible for compiling the data and submitting to the ANI staff liaisons.

ACTION: The staff liaisons will prepare the survey for dissemination to the Governing Directors.

VII. Emerging Leaders

Karen Greenwood provided an update on the Emerging Leaders Program; identifying that 14 excellent applications were received. Candidates were required to submit documentation as part of the application process. All candidate profiles were prescreened to ensure that they meet the following criteria:

- a mid-level position in informatics working in a health services organization, public health organization/system, nursing education association or information systems corporation
- current residency in the United States
- membership in good standing of an ANI organization
- current RN license
- bachelor's or higher degree in nursing or a relevant field
- 3-5 years of experience in informatics
- home institution able to support participation in the program

Evaluation: Joyce provided information on the evaluation of the candidates. It is envisioned that each candidate would have:

- demonstrated professional history of increasing leadership responsibility
- possess the potential to have a substantial impact on the field of nursing informatics in health care policy, health system innovations, informatics education or informatics research

- has the ability to sustain involvement and devote the time for study and interaction in the program (Note: Time commitment is expected to be a few hours each month and will be determined by the mentee/mentor pair. Also needs to commit to attending ANI Governing Directors meetings, AMIA Annual Symposium and HIMSS Annual Conference and Exhibition)
- has excellent oral/written communication skills (if known)
- has ability to act as a potential resource for the next incoming group of emerging leaders

Mentors: Bonnie Westra asked Governing Directors to consider serving as a mentor for one of these excellent candidates. Governing Directors agreed that during the review of the applications they would identify a potential mentor, where appropriate to project topic.

Process & next steps: Utilizing the AMIA online voting tool Governing Directors will then rank each of the candidates. Due to time constraints a full review of all candidates will not be executed, rather each candidate will have 3-4 Governing Directors analyze and rank their application. Karen will provide instructions to the Governing Directors including url link, user name and password, candidate applications, candidate assignments and instructions for utilizing the voting tool.

VIII. Discussion Topic: Workforce Development

In preparation for today's meeting, Governing Directors were encouraged to be prepared to discuss "What have you heard, what you know & what do you think"; in relation to new regulations & financial incentives for Workforce Preparedness. Meryl Bloomrosen, Vice President of Policy, **AMIA** provided an overview on the current government activities, American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, related to workforce development. ARRA authorizes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a reimbursement incentive for physician and hospital providers who are successful in becoming "meaningful users" of an electronic health record (EHR). Within the new legislative activities there is a need for a deployment of a HIT centered workforce; the organizations present today need to integrate locally the work they have done related to informatics education, training and research into these new opportunities. Governing Directors shared their organizations progress and/or potential activities in this important area.

ANIA and CARING are working together towards their upcoming education conference on April 22-24, 2010, *Re-Evolution in Nursing Informatics* to discuss the opportunities and challenges of nursing informatics as a result of the Health Care Stimulus Package. **DVNCN** is also focusing a number of issues that define education needs; specifically dissecting the information that is out there and the ability (and bandwidth) to absorb it. **MINING** will also be holding an educational event to support the enhancement of healthcare delivery and policy. It is envisioned at this event on March 3, 2010 further dialogue on preparing the workforce will be engaged in. **NENIC** Health Information Technology (HIT) is underway with a number of activities related to engaging their local

nursing executive organizations in informatics competencies and topic areas. Additionally they are preparing for their conference on May 21, 2010 *Trends in Clinical Informatics: A Nursing Perspective* as a sounding board for this topic. **AORN** is working on a number of mentoring and education activities; including addressing financial incentives and front line measures. **CNC** is updating current curricula and is working towards understanding how to “ask the right questions” related to workforce development. **MNRS** is participating in The Certification Commission for Health Information Technology activities; they are specifically working towards developing communication paradigms with a multidisciplinary team, including pharmacists. **SNOMED** is currently engaged in implementation guide activities with entities such as: Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise and the National Library of Medicine on encoding nursing problem lists. **ANA** will be releasing the second edition of *Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice* in early January. The public notice will be available at: <http://www.nursingworld.org/HomepageCategory/Announcements/ANA-Call-for-Public-Comments.aspx> Jacqueline Moss shared that Alabama regional efforts are exploring the Regional HIT Centers and opportunities for involvement. **UNIN** is gearing up to be shuttle ready with practicum’s for state and local agencies as they become involved locally with legislative efforts. **HIMSS** will be offering a pre-conference event on February 27, 2010 *Achieving Meaningful Use and the Impact on Nursing* as well as several educational sessions at the NI Symposium *Realizing the Promise of Health IT for Nursing* held on February 28, 2010 on the integration of informatics competencies with workforce development activities.

IX. Other Business

Governing Directors identified a number of new activities taking place; Governing Directors are encouraged to share the following information with their membership organizations.

1. Health Resources and Services Administration has a number of new funding opportunities available, including *Nursing Workforce Diversity Advanced Education Nursing Grants* and *Faculty Development: Integrated Technology into Nursing Education and Practice Initiative*: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/>
2. The Office of the National Coordinator has released a number of workforce Grants including *Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program*, *Curriculum Development Centers*, *Community College Consortia to Educate Health Information Technology Professionals* and *Health Information Technology Extension Program*: <http://healthIT.HHS.gov/HITECHgrants>
3. The International Classification of Diseases 10 has a number of new updates; more information available at: <http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/>
4. HIMSS Annual Conference activities, including the NI Symposium; brochure available at: <http://www.himssconference.org/docs/HIMSS10nursingBrochure.pdf> and additional conference information available at: <http://www.himssconference.org/>
5. The Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) is working on third phase of implementation, integrating the TIGER recommendations into the nursing community along with colleagues from all disciplines across the

continuum of care. These activities are focused on creating a Virtual Learning Center and developing another invitational summit. Please contact Dr. Patricia Hinton Walker at phintonwalker@usuhs.mil if you would like to participate in these activities. More information available at www.tigersummit.com

The next ANI Governing Director's meeting will take place during HIMSS Annual Conference on February 28, 2010; meeting materials and logistics will be distributed closer to the meeting date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm PST.